GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3444
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2002
WARNINGS ON LIVER TOXICITY OF PARACETAMOL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a U.S. based Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) advisory panel has made a recommendation that explicit warnings about the danger of liver toxicity should be added to all packs of over the counter (OTC) drugs containing paracetamol;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. The reported recommendation of Advisory Panel of US-FDA is being examined bythe Experts Sub-Committee of the Drug Technical Advisory Board (DTAB).